

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system, comprising:
a surgical microscope having a microscope eyepiece unit for observing a
region for treatment;

an ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations to examine the region for
treatment; and

an electric probe joint for electrically powering the ultrasonic probe provided
on an outer wall of the microscope eyepiece unit of the surgical microscope, wherein a
connector provided in the ultrasonic probe releasably couples the ultrasonic probe to the
electric probe joint.

34. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim
33, wherein a probe holder, on which an observation body of the ultrasonic probe can be
temporarily located before or during operations, is attached to the outer wall.

35. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim
34, wherein the probe holder is located at a position where, when the observation body of the
ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations is temporarily located thereon, the field of view
for observation by the surgical microscope will not be blocked by the observation body.

36. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 33, wherein the electric probe joint supplies a driving signal from an ultrasonic observation apparatus to one or more ultrasonic transducer elements in the ultrasonic probe.

37. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 36, wherein the electric probe joint transmits a received signal from the one or more ultrasonic transducer elements to the ultrasonic observation apparatus.